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RESPONSE TO CONGRESSIONAL QUERY

The Soviet Presence in Antarctica

The Soviet presence in Antarctica has grown steadily since its inception in 1955-56. According to reports supplied by the Soviets in compliance with the Antarctic Treaty (which we believe to be true), during the winter of 1985-86 there were 362 winter personnel. During the 1980s the trend has been to increase the number of year-round personnel while maintaining a stable number of summer personnel. (See attachments for precise numbers.) These people work at eight year-round stations and seven stations that are only open during the summer. By comparison, this year the US had a winter presence of about 130, and a summer presence of about 1100. We have only three year-round stations.

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Expedition	Year	Number of Stations	Number of Winter Personnel	Number of Additional Summer Personnel
1	1955-56	3	92	131
2	1956-57	5	190	233
3	1957-58	7	183	130
4	1958-59	4	113	64
5	1959-60	3	129	9
6	1960-61	3	115	24
7	1961-62	2	83	58
8	1962-63	4	125	93
9	1963-64	4	157	56
10	1964-65	4	143	14
11	1965-66	4	137	53
12	1966-67	4	148	63
13	1967-68	5	174	77
14	1968-69	5	220	85
15	1969-70	5	220	66
16	1970-71	6	225	109
17	1971-72	6	244	197
18	1972-73	6	224	194
19	1973-74	6	226	152
20	1974-75	6	238	129
21	1975-76	6	240	124
22	1976-77	6	252	209
23	1977-78	6	262	265
24	1978-79	6	270	271
25	1979-80	7	302	293
26	1980-81	7	303	321
27	1981-82	7	304	285
28	1982-83	7	313	290
29	1983-84	7	319	269
30	1984-85	7	340	263
31	1985-86	7	362	
32	1986-87	8		

Figure 1

Soviet Winter Antarctic Personnel

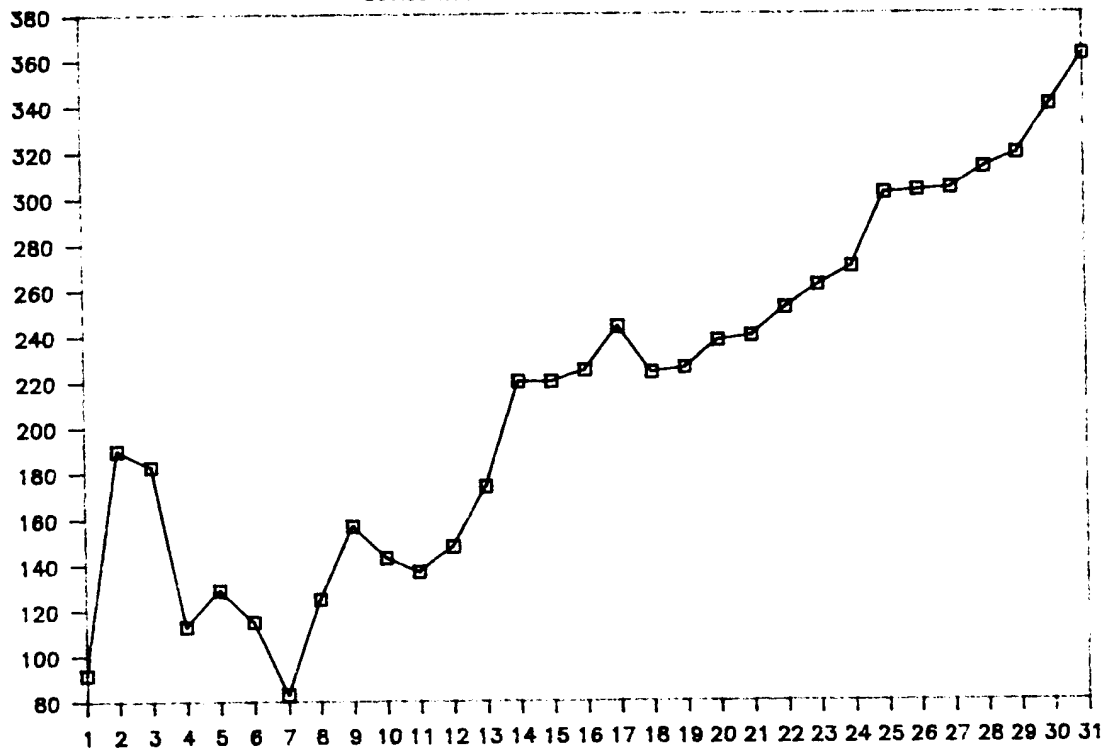


Figure 2

Soviet Additional Summer Personnel

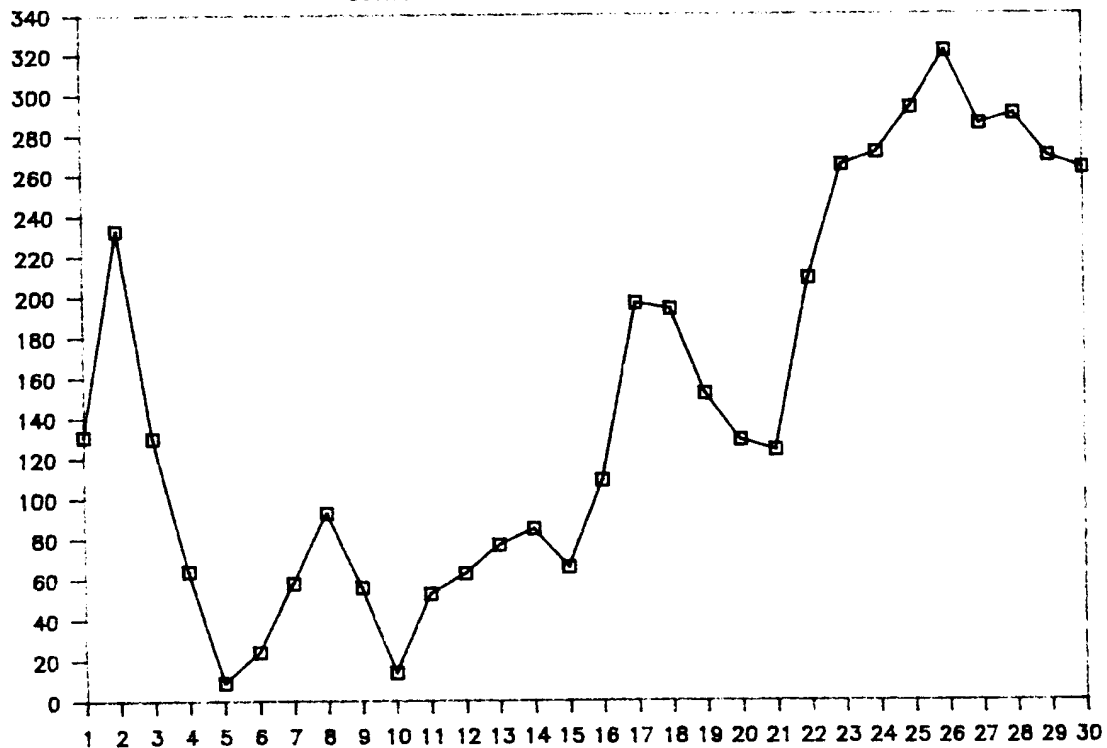


Figure 3

Soviet Year-Round Antarctic Stations

